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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:  
Jun-Ichi Kawakami et al.

Application No.: 10/500,999

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Art Unit: 1626

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING FUSED  
IMIDAZOLE COMPOUND, REFORMATSKY  
REAGENT IN STABLE FORM, AND  
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

Examiner: L. Stockton

### RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 19, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.